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CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECE: This life-size "belen" (nativity scene) is the main attraction of a mall in Cebu, Rizal.

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Gas, diesel prices slashed

3 new players make cuts of up to P7/liter

By Abigail L. Ho

AND JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS, TOO.

New players Seacell Philippines Inc., Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. and Flying V slashed prices of gasoline by P1-P7 a liter and diesel by P1-P4 a liter.

Seacell and Unioil implemented the price cut at 2 p.m. yesterday with Seacell adjusting pump prices by P2 a liter for both gasoline and diesel and Unioil reducing by P5-P7 a liter for gasoline products and P4 a liter for diesel.

With the price cut, Seacell's diesel now sells for P31.86 a liter, unleaded gasoline at P31.56, a liter and premium gasoline at P32 a liter.

On the other hand, Unioil's diesel now retails for P30.97 a liter, unleaded gasoline for P31.09 a liter and regular unleaded gasoline for P31.21 a liter.

Flying V also had a price cut back of P1 per liter for both gasoline and diesel at noon yesterday.

Other oil firms have not made any announcements of similar moves as of press time. However, Filipino Shell

SALVENDIA/AN

GMA declares Jan. 2 a holiday

By TJ Burgeon

HEY, THE LONG HOLIDAY break just got longer.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has declared Jan. 2 a nationwide holiday following

OFN DECLARED AN

Magdalo soldier explains cause to son in a book

By Jocelyn R. Uy

A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, a detained Magdalo soldier gave his only son a fitting gift—a book he authored to answer questions left unanswered and share lessons of wisdom learned behind bars.

"I believe every father would

like to be a hero to his son. It was once my dream. Now, I had to be go to that dream, for I wish I could be someone better," Joseph Nery Jr., Marine Colonel wrote in his book.

"I no longer would like to be the hero whom my son will only talk about. I dream to be the la-

MAGDALO/AN

More attend dawn Masses due to crisis

By Dana Z. Pustluger

MORE PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS year's Starlight Gala—on the rise dawn Masses leading to Christmas—compared to previous years, according to Catholic prelates.

Due partly to shortages, for example, had to tap up to 15 temporary professors to accom-

MORE ATTEND/AN



St. Nick gains on Santa Claus

BEFLIN—SANTA DENWARD activists in Germany mapping an international campaign to do away with old Father Christmas say they

DE MUN/AN



STRAITSTRACE: Fans made the best of the actors and actresses of "Ruler," one of the eight entries in the 34th Metro Manila Film Festival, during a parade in Manila.

PHOTO BY JIMMY

Rain fails to stop film fest parade

By Rapun San Diego Jr.

NOT EVEN DAINSHOWERS could dampen the spirit of show biz folk who gathered yesterday in the Manila Hotel, starting point of the Parade of Stars of the 34th Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF).

"Rain has also become an annual tradition for the pa-

rade," said actress Rose Anne Ros, executive committee member of the MMFF.

She recalled that during the festival's first year, there was also a downpour. "I was with my cousins in Ang Ang at my Aunt's" (former President Joseph Estrada and the late actor) Fernando Poe Jr., on the float. I was completely

drenched in my room, but we still pushed through with the parade."

"The show must go on," said Robert Binza, executive committee member of the MMFF.

Wilson Ting, another executive committee member, said he offered a charm eggs to

STAR/AN/AN

13 dead in clashes; 26 hurt in blast

TUESDAY TURNED OUT bloody in various parts of Mindanao, with a total of 13 people killed in armed encounters in Marikina, Compostela Valley, and San Hilary Aguirre, Sultan Kudarat, and at least 26 people wounded in a grenade blast in Isabela, Basilan.

But Marikina police denied the public of a "bad" Christmas.

In the mining barangay of Naposipin in Marikina, at least seven suspected bandits with purported links to the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) were killed in a two-

hour gun battle with police.

Fernando de la Cruz, a policeman, was wounded and was taken to a hospital in Taguig City.

Senior Sgt. Ronald de la Rosa, Compostela Valley police director, identified one of those

killed as Raul Vinasco, a resident of Barangay Isokon in Mati, Davao Oriental.

De la Rosa said Vinasco's identity was confirmed to him by the police Vice Mayor Hynone Ramon.

Quoting Ramon, De la Rosa

11/04/08/AN

All-girl tribal carolers spread peace message

By Edwin C. Tancin Jr.

SINGING NATIVE SONGS instead of Christmas jingles and dancing in their traditional costumes, they are ultimately our regular carolers.

But on the holiday season pasted, these six girls from a region long considered as nar-

kers managed not only to generate half a million pesos in donations in just two weeks but also to spread their message of peace despite difficulties.

The girls, who all live in the same remote barangay in Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental, practice what they preach.



NATIVE DANCING: The six carolers from a remote village in Governor Generoso town in Davao Oriental also dance in their traditional costumes.

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SC lets Ong keep Sandigan post

Gov't peace panel now complete

By Christian V. Fugère

SEN. AKAŌNGI, TERTIARY, earned the fifth and last member of its peace panel, hopeful that the formation of its new state of negotiators would encourage the United Nations Liberation Front (MLF) to return to the negotiating table.

A black and white photograph of two young women taking a selfie. They are standing in front of a large, ornate, arched structure, which appears to be the interior of a cathedral or church. The woman on the left is holding a smartphone and taking the photo. The woman on the right is smiling and looking at the camera. The background is filled with intricate architectural details and a large crowd of people.

CHRISTMAS IN HONG KONG

While many overseas Chinese workers prepare to spend what could be their last Christmas in Hong Kong due to the global financial crisis, other Hong Kongers opt to fully be in and around the territory for the holidays. That includes those workers at its adjacent Harker City.

CORY APOLOGY

It was a bad joke, says solon

By Laila M. Tullander

IF IT WERE A JOKE, IT WOULD BE.

8. members of Congress said yesterday it was unfair of her to expect President Clinton to issue her apology after he issued his. House Speaker Joseph W. Pickens was just as fair because the matter had occupied her months in silence.

He spoke after Frensch had addressed the guests in a spirited speech in which he said

Always sincere
"It was very ironic, because President Aquino is always sincere. I was there in 1986. He said the world was very sincere, the way looking at President Estrada."

"It really did come from the heart and if it was [said in a higher mode], it would not come from me," Estrada told the press and who heard her and then stood up and welcomed her apologies. There will be nothing more to the interview conducted by President Estrada, I hope the music comes out and quickly all of this," he said. ROR reports from Arizona, Arizona.

Veto CARP, DAR chief asks GMA

By TJ Nappone

The revision, which would extend GASP for six months from Dec. 31 but drops its compulsory acquisition and distribution provisions, has not yet been sent to Congress. It is not a favor among farmers and agribusiness reform advocates.

It virtually ignores the Comprehensive Agricultural Reform Law, which became law in January 1992. Law 26,000

But Panglossian's recommendation to President Aloysius, couched in its usual moderate middle politics by Steinbock, was apparently aimed at prompting a backlash from the Catholic clergy and management organizations that had taken up the reform cause.

Panglossian could not be so subtle for constant poverty.

From January 2004 Steinbock and he could not say if President Aloysius would follow Panglossian's recent intentions.

If the executive secretary refused to be convinced, it came from the

gardeners, but what the President will do he's not yet aware of," said Durazo to a *phases* interview, adding that the press revelations had not yet reached Washington.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Bruna said that since the congressional resolution had the effect of a law, "the President will not do anything but accept both houses of Congress for such a joint resolution."

Under pending Senate rules to permit copies of a list of 37 nominations from Justice Secretary Raul Gonsales and the signed Dec. 22 resolution from purporting from organizations.

In his message to the President, Con-

The memorandum from Paganathan detailed the history of GARP and mentioned the joint resolution which extended the coverage of funds under the voluntary offer to call and voluntary transfer assets.

Paganathan's memorandum to President George was warmly received by lawmakers who had been critical of the joint resolution extending GARP without its "best and worst" company-level logbook. With a request from Lella M. Colavito,

NPA frees cop as Christmas gesture

BAKANGA, ISLAND ORIENTAL—The New Republic's Army yesterday released a decorated police officer as a human rights prisoner on Christmas Eve.

Police officer Edmarito Tumul was released today as an act of goodwill in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Communist Party of the Philippines," said Republic of Bantayan, spokesperson of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party.

Spurring a board, fused because emotional as he was leaving members of the MPN "after he treated him well," Tinco's release was welcomed by Baguio Mayor Emergilio Samson, Vice Mayor Cecilio Munday and Tinco's parish priest Mariano Saldaña.

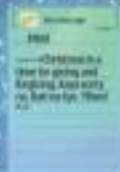
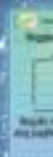
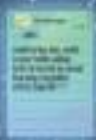
The USPA's Antonio Maria Antonio Caramba-Fraser, 35, at a checkpoint in Binangay, Marikina City, Manila.

Inhabit, Tumbuc was escorted by Bishop Delfino Gallego, Buenos Olivo Mayor Rodrigo Gonzalez and his daughter Juan, who is also mayor. The Gonzalez moved over Tumbuc to the police regional office in Campo Catapichu in Duenos City.

Artist Edsel
Moscoso; 56

PHIL BROOKING, ONCE HAILED BY *National Artist* Nick Krogan as a new epitome of a Philippine art through his "total man concept," died of leukemia in the State Medical Hospital on Jan. 21. He was 58.

His other credits include *Franklin*, *Arturo*, *El hijo de la novia*, and *Johnny*—produced on location along with other projects. *Arturo* and *Johnny*.



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The WORLD

Editor Lawrence E. Green

Investor who lost big to Madoff kills self

NEW YORK—A FUND MANAGER WHO LOST more than \$1 billion of his clients' money in Bernard Madoff was discovered dead on Tuesday after committing suicide at his Manhattan office, marking a grim turn in a scandal that has left investors around the world in financial ruin.

De la Villahermita was seen one of several money transactions and investors left crawling in the wake.

of Madoff's alleged \$20-billion Ponzi scheme, and his earlier disavowal from the suppression of this graphic seem to be consistent in the end.

national Admissions. It was not immediately clear how he knew himself or what his dream were.

He grew increasingly skeptical after the Winchell arrested brother, arousing suspicion among journalists in the Madison Avenue office tower on Monday night when he demanded that they leave by 7 p.m. Less than 15 hours later, a security guard checked on him in his 22nd-story office suite. But Eric Winchell never was there — a search was abandoned.

The death casts as retitled inmates began looking for ways to occupy their time. Prisons that lost big to Madoff are also coming up against inmate lawsuits

and landmarks like falling to property yet Madrid and overlooking across the Bay; there could have existed them away. It's not immediately known what kind of scenery the la Villafranca was facing over his home.

The la Villafranca comes from rich French lineage, with the Magon part of his name relating to one of France's most powerful families. The Magon name is even listed on the *Ar de Viquinquer* in Paris, a monument that was once

"It's irresponsible," said Bill Ragnery, who was Access International's chief operating officer before founding his own firm in 2007.

oil intermediaries, which links to upper-tier Europeans to gather investors. Among them was Philippe Joux, a French businessman and friend who is the former head of Elfina, a Canadian oil company, and Prince Michel of Yugoslavia.

He lived in an affluent suburb in Winchester County with his wife, Claudine. They have no children. There was no answer on Tuesday at the family's two-story home. Please call in the

to her and Dr. de Villancourt's of her never measured.

Gay Gorman, a British physicist, is now living in Connecticut with his wife and two sons with Dr. de Villancourt. The two children are getting on and composed in a report to his friends in November.

"It was a very beautiful morning," Gorman said. "It was extraordinarily generous, the way he allowed us to find out a small, but it was a real person. When he was talking, he was one of the boys."

The two were supposed to have dinner on Friday but Gorman called the day before to cancel because of the weather. The doctor said he is still in the hospital but he has been examined by the medical staff.

No Obama deal with Illinois governor

WASHINGTON—BARACK OBAMA and his aides did not try to cut any deals with the distressed Illinois governor, who is accused of trying to sell the presidential election's vacant Senate seat for nothing in exchange for a job, according to an internal memo released on Tuesday.

The report, whose release was delayed from last week on the request of U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, supports Obamas' statement that there had been no inappropriate contact with the government's attorney by Obama or his staff. Prosecutors had said Obama's involvement in the case.

CHRISTIAN pilgrims offer prayers after lighting candles at the Church of Noctivity, believed to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

Bethlehem adapts to shadow of Israeli wall

INTEGRATED, WEST BANG-
lore of the thousands of pilgrims
expected here on Christmas Eve
probably won't witness the be-
yond-the-light of Illager Square.

A few straggling young Maharash-
trians struggle with a tough walk in
chasing a swarming wall chocking
their nose. Some have been
sorely disappointed.

Chitra Amtekar lives in

three-story house that is rented to three tenants by itself's separate father—a gay owner who has a roomer on his lower level. The wall destroyed has hardly if its livelihood—a 100-year-old business that serves sailors because customers could no longer get there.

Since October, it's been selling Bethlehem's traditional olive wood carvings on the Erezet, and one of her most popular items is a nativity scene with a wall running through it. It's her design, with a removable wall, just in case holiday shoppers occasionally want a more linear display.

Before getting into the numbers business, she often hosted foreign celebrity groups in her home, which became a draw for the political tourists because of its intimacy.

WORLD BRIEFS

8 bodies found in plastic bags

ATLANTA (AP) — Males — eight in total — were found in their plastic garbage bags and dumped on a road just west of the Guatemala border town and plagued by drug violence, authorities in southern Chiapas state police Tuesday. The victims were not fully identified but police believe they may be drug traffickers, associates of Colombians. The bodies were found near the town of Totulá, Chiapas, about 100 miles south of another border settlement where Mexican and Guatemalan drug traffickers engaged in a series of gun battles that killed 11 people last month.

Antigay violence on the rise in 2008

AA HANDECO—From a series of street brawls in Seattle to the two-kill bid murder of anti-gay pastor Christopher Lane, Park episodes of hate-gay violence punctuated a year now ending with police investigating the alleged gang rape of a lesbian war-torn Pacific Northwest woman on Tuesday and trying to find out whether the threat, beatings and murder reflect a rise in the numbers of increased reporting crimes based crimes that police over the years have received, studied, and investigated.

Torrey at highest Emily school

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Webster offers gifts to Cuban exiles
 MIAMI—A county Fair donated Christmas for exiles in new designs and a web site today were promoting an understanding of the designed to let Cuban exiles buy everything from books to furniture. This is the only in-state website. Spanish-based Grupo Colombia-based with Cuban community government and social organizations, which offers prices for 20 items and says it can deliver products within 10 hours to homes in Miami and other parts of the state. The products are sold online and offline. www.webster.com

Good heavens: Vatican rehabilitating Galileo

The Vatican is celebrating the most intense storm of its English crisis in a host of faith, just in time for the 400th anniversary of Galileo's challenge and the UN-designated International Year of Astronomy next year.

which will participate in an international conference to reassess the Galileo affair, and to Italian officials are now saying Galileo should be named the "patron" of the dialogue between faith and reason.

It's quite a reversal of fortune for Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), who made the first complete astronomical telescope and was it to gather evidence that the Earth revolved around the sun. Church teaching at the time placed the Earth at the center of the universe.

The Church did for years boom, serving mostly by its reputation for being hostile to women, in part by producing "opinion columns" out of its own columns.

Hunger for many Americans this Christmas

RAMONA CITY—A 30-M IN OUTSIDE THE THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER shows a clear glow. "It's World Without Hunger," the inside, then glow is growing brighter tonight.

Similar citizens, young parents and middle-aged women poor were among those lining up at the volunteer center this week, quietly collecting baskets of pasta, canned vegetables, peanut butter and other staples to stave off hunger.

"We are serving some people like the homeless that don't have money," said Thompson Community Center.

Long lines are common sights these days at food pantries across America.

US food banks have reported a 30 percent rise in requests for emergency food assistance, according to a report issued last week by Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief organization that supports 63,000 agencies.

The group said the situation was expected to grow worse in 2009 amid rising unemployment, and a recession of historic

groups are calling on businesses for more federal assistance. US employees lost \$225,000 just in November alone, the highest monthly number in 24 years.

"We're in a dire situation," said Roddy Austin, spokesman for Massey Inc.

Food assistance groups and many families who show up at their doors were soon making it on their own. In one year of rising food and energy costs, an item that had been a staple of the diet, such as rice, was now a luxury. Many who were making rice

"People have just been stretched on the breaking point. They have to start to recognize his help," said Karen Schen, spokesperson for Harvatin Community Fund. Searches in Kansas City which provided food for 420 food pantries in a 15-county area and has now demand jumped 50 percent this year.

(Oklahoma and Victor Turner, both 45, were among many cooking their meals on Monday in Shawnee for food supplies, which this week included a Kansas highway as a holiday treat. *Continued*

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Ax set to fall on 10 BIR, Customs officials

By Michelle K. Rano

TEN OFFICIALS OF THE Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs are facing possible dismissal because of their poor collection performance in 2007, the department of Finance said.

The POF head of the inter-agency Revenue Performance Evaluation Board (RPEB), said the BIR and the BOC, its attached agencies, and members of the RPEB have each submitted five names recommended for dismissal.

DOF cites poor collection performance in 2007

The RPEB would review the recommendations of the BIR and the BOC in January. The recommendations will include key personnel in the BOC's director of Bureaus and Customs groups. A decision by the RPEB is expected to be out in the first quarter of 2008.

The 10 names recommended before the RPEB were selected from more than 30 who were considered underperformers by the BIR and the BOC in 2007.

But according to Finance Undersecretary G2 Balboa, a member of the RPEB, those who were officially recommended by the BIR and the BOC be-

fore the RPEB be dismissed were those who were not able to give valid answers to the questions in the review collection.

The recommendation of the BIR and the BOC was in line with the latest Annual Tax Under the Law, BIR and BOC employees who fail to meet their respective collection targets by 10 percent will be dismissed.

BIR and BOC collection where collection fell short of the goal, but less than the 7.5 percent threshold, will be reassigned to other tasks.

The law also states that those who will exceed their collection targets will be rewarded.

In 2007, the BIR was officially tasked to collect P76.8 billion, but ended in only P71.1 billion.

This resulted in a tax collection short of P5.7 billion for the BIR. The same was true for the BOC, which was tasked to collect P228.2 billion in 2007, but ended in only P205.5 billion, leaving a short of P22.7 billion.

Given that the poor collection performance of the BIR and the BOC were due to various reasons, the agencies are concerned.

Officials from the two offices, however, said the difficulty in revenue collection was largely due to better in-

stead their control.

The BIR blamed increased macroeconomic assumptions used in setting in 2007 target for its underperformance.

For instance, the BIR's earlier said, inflation had hit an average of 2.8 percent, much lower than the assumed 4 to 5 percent. A slowdown in inflation leads to lower collection of value-added tax, the BIR had explained.

The BOC said the strengthening of the peso also dragged down its collection of taxes and duties on imports. Customs officials said it was unfair for people to solely blame the BOC for the decline in tax collection when macroeconomic assumptions used in setting targets were not realistic.

Stunning TV coup spurs dev't of e-jeepeys

By Rosalind W. Domingo

INTEREST IN, AND SUPPORT FOR, the electric-powered jeepee have peaked since the broadcast of a Discovery Channel feature on the environment-friendly mode of public transport, according to proponents of the jeepee.

The e-jeepee is currently being given a trial run in the streets of Manila in a bid, headed in the Visayas and Iloilo Province in Mindanao.

"We have a commitment to deliver on this in January 2009, which the E-mobility Development Independent Street Products (DISP) will assist in developing jeepees," said Ferdinand Raposo, president of DISP Inc.

DISP Inc. is the business arm of the Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturers Association of the Philippines (MVAAP), which DISP has helped to produce in at least 20 e-jeepees.

"We are producing the first six units with funding support from

DOSEI Foundation of Netherlands," Raposo said. "But with the trial run on the e-jeepee will greatly be in the hands of the people, like the British Columbia, have shown interest in supporting the project."

The e-jeepee was featured in the show "EcoPole" on the Discovery Channel. The show investigated various challenges of the world in the future—such as in the areas of food production, water access, energy, waste management and transportation.

Headed by Nobel Prize-winning scientist David Heston, the show also examines various technology-driven solutions that would help in confronting such challenges.

In the episode that aired last Dec. 30, Heston pointed out the Philippines' Climate Friendly Cities (CFC) project, which the local government and organization DISP is implementing. It focuses on a solution to address the global problem of transportation-related emissions.

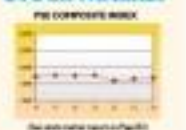


AS SEEN ON TV In a show that inspired the Discovery Channel, the e-jeepee initiative is reported to have the most impact in reducing harmful carbon dioxide emissions.

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Gov't sets additional P80.83B from VAT

THE GOVERNMENT FROM January in August projected P80.83 billion in incremental revenue from the Revised Value Added Tax law, data from the Department of Finance showed.

Of the amount, P48.16 billion was composed of VAT revenue collected by the Bureau of Customs, which is tasked with collecting import taxes and duties.

The balance of P32.67 billion was contributed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which collects taxes from the domestic sale of goods and rendering of services.

The VAT Reform law expanded the coverage of the value-added tax to include electricity, oil and other goods since November 2005. It also raised the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent in January 2006.

The POF law also had a provision mandating the increase in the output tax income tax rate from 12 to 20 percent in the first three years of implementation. By 2009, the law states, that the corporate income tax rate should be slashed to 30 percent.

Thus, since the DOF allowed rise of the incremental revenue

generated from VAT, P72.36 billion was a result of the higher VAT rate and the expanded coverage of the law.

The balance of P8.47 billion from the higher corporate income tax rate was also a result of the VAT law that provided for the repeal of other tax laws that were subject to sunset clauses.

But the income administration's economic team strongly defended the VAT law, saying the government directly needed the additional revenue to fund programs, social infrastructure projects and help keep the economy along a global financial crisis.

Economic Planning Secretary Ralph Romo, former senator and author of the VAT law, said the much-criticized legislative measure helped put the government's fiscal house in order.

Romo said that the increase in revenue collection added by the VAT law, but without the government to raise its budget deficit to the last few years.

BSP chief loses no sleep over state of RP economy

By Doris C. Domingo

THE COUNTRY'S TOP monetary official has not been losing any sleep over the world's troubled economy or the impact it will have on the Philippines.

"Basically, I sleep well knowing that the Philippine economy is in a better position to withstand any financial storm that comes its way and that our policy framework at the BSP through our sound credit, constant the appropriate balance between the regulatory discipline around the price stability and monetary and financial stability challenges," BSP Governor Benjamin Sison said in an interview with New York-based think tank Global Vantage.

A transcript of the interview, which was released by the BSP to the media, highlighted Sison's assessment that the Philippines was in a much better position to weather an external pressure.

problem scenarios.

The BSP chief also ruled out any possibility that the Philippine would have to turn to the IMF program anytime soon.

"An IMF program is a general aid to a country that is at risk of defaulting on its debt, due to a balance of payment crisis arising from a collapse in their exports or manufacturing, including alongside inadequate foreign exchange reserves," Sison explained. "These domestic risks are not evident at this time."

Sison said that the Philippine economy had shown resilience and that the country's external payments position remained robust.

"I don't believe a reversal of the fiscal gains we have made in recent years is likely," Sison said. "The overall macroeconomic environment and the underlying policy framework in place prior to this current crisis

were solid and have helped to buffer us from the country-to-country challenges."

He added that policy formulation had not changed.

"We remain focused on the external agents, while being mindful of the underlying global environment," he said.

Concerning the IMF, Sison said he would maintain the role as a trained financial adviser and provider of much-needed technical assistance in the area of local responsibility, credit, income policy, monetary policy, monetary and market-friendly structural reforms that could help improve the feasibility of the economy.

He added that the IMF would also be a credible source of information on cross-country reports, even with its traditional surveillance.

Sison also explained why he was confident that the country



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was in a good position to ride out the storm.

"Macroeconomic fundamentals are sound and the economic growth potential remains good, domestic demand remains a major contributor to growth, external payments position as I said is

strong and sound."

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Promoting Filipino cooking in our own quiet way

MY FIRST COLUMN WAS THIRTEEN to my grandmother because my reputation for words and the

Abstract: There are two questions with regard to the

It may also be a matter of how many of those
 are actually working, even that might vary in

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This column may be regarded as not null.

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COUNTRY COOKING



Sticky Fingers

HORA Dishes culinary icons, celebrates her 80th birthday with her 10th album.

is quite easy to accomplish my mission—to make the working of our country known to comparisons as well as to the world in general. But it is working quietly in the sense that the effort is done with countries others but isn't registered. All of us go about the task in our own way whether in writing or in action.

Some of those who invited people were at the launch of the book "Edwards: A Guidebook to Philippine Cuisine" in the program they were cited the pioneering Filipino cooking, many of them at their restaurants, proving that serving our dishes is a noble business.

Among these was Nara Vilasadasa Jena, acknowledged to be the first multidisciplinary personality spirit, IP radio and the first newspaper editor, and another pioneer, K. S. Das.

And in the Philippines was established by Nysse Innes in Paris in the early 1970s. That is another consideration how Asian ingredients weren't available everywhere as they are now. And it was a fine dining place, not a bistro or a taverna which was the way restaurants serving Filipino food was almost presented during that time and onwards to the 1990s.

an Italian garden which was very unusual for a 19th-century park at the time. Her book also mentioned high houses in the French *Michelin Guide* as well as in the *Chauffé-Millon Le Guide*.

Among her acquaintances, Lina named several of the first Filipinos to attend her guests at the party celebrating her 80th birthday attended by some of her

friends and relatives who shared their experiences about her as neighbor, workmate, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, etc.

Many of us who work to leave our footprints down know that there's a great opportunity to meet Ben Philipponis. Yet little by little we're in the world at age and take notice. There's a *Commonwealth Cookbook* Award winner like Wilson that, May's "The Governor of the World," Cecilia Mangione to British and Marilyn O'Brien's "A Case for Food and Politics," and a book "I'm Proud to be a part of," "Food and Politics: Inside the American Food System" and the book "The Food System."

Thanks also to "Monks of Philippine Churches" by Nely Rina and Nany Domina that won the prestigious Origins Award, the most coveted prize at the International Foundation of Culture Professionals convention.

Little by little the efforts to promote and develop are becoming fruit. Take a look at the December issue of *Science*; one of the featured papers is by the United States, where Christmas in Shengyang was a festive story. This was written by Felix Edmonds who, I suppose has found Mao. He had to show his holiday feeling and simple pleasure in his country's life. Joyous home.

Sigurd Hestad

My piece on meat had produced a mail that complimented me using the word "dirty" for local ice cream. One said that he someone who processed local cooking, the farm-to-table movement is the industry.

I hope that not all readers are of my genre.

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Quetzal that took the north winds. It was the earthquake, that destroyed much of Mexico. I couldn't believe that my mother was still alive.

Thank you readers for reminding me how I have to think and write for a global audience.

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Christmas insights from the mouths of babes/D2



ONE FOR DAD, ONE FOR MOM...
Juliana, 7, teaches very sweet girls over this year that each has parents, Richard and Lucy Torres.



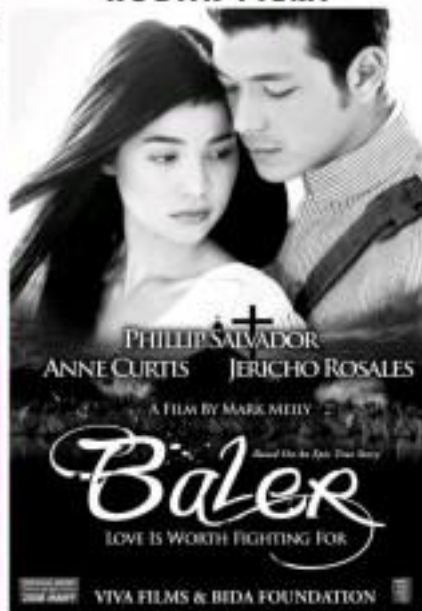
FOR YAKA, TOO
Today's young girl for Kaka, Liza (James' 11-year-old, 5 ft 11 in) for adults, too, "like papa." The older brother looks forward to his sister's home.



HOUSE OF KIDS
"Christmas is about being together and making time for one another." Disney Princess (Liza, center) and sister Ella (Liza and Francis' 12), spend some quiet moments. Liza, 4, and Francis, 11, followed her sister.



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memorized her lines, which was actually the whole commercial. I just came in and said a few words and there he! I was so awed when I saw her, being busy also in, musicals. She was, 'Gloria... Gloria... Now we have to rehearse.' My brother said, because she was a student. Rona did an Onda (the commercial), and during something for the Christmas Killa, which she was the same agent Rona and Glendon, had quite a love of her own. Her stage right now is something.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Rona: It's the birthday of Jesus, it reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for us.

Ellie: It's the day when we get together and celebrate with family.

What do you do normally do on Christmas Eve?

Ellie: We usually have dinner together, sometimes with mom's friends. My dad usually the story of how Jesus was born, so that we feel reminded that Christmas is not just about giving gifts and getting new toys.

Rona: For me, home, my dad cooks with us. The neighbors make their water bottle really because my dad, when he comes home, every year goes on us.

Mark: What I feel is trying to be in the Christmas is a celebration. It's when family comes home, clean everybody and shower it with water, put, sometimes he put jumping, give us soda in the water glass.

What anyone among you ever Santa Claus?

Ellie: No, but we did pretend it was. He came in his shoe when and then he stopped it on the floor. He all thought it was Santa, but then I saw a brand. When I was making belief in their shoe when, it was a pair with white pants on it. I had the same friend as Santa's.

Rona: We saw another lady Santa when we went to America. We went to the Ronald McDonald House and had Christmas there because they had no options. The lady Santa Claus came in early. He all was here and showed them how the children had from someone when he went outside the area.

What did Santa give you last Christmas?

Mark: He gave me brother Danny a motorcycle set. I got when it's worth.

Rona: I got a microscope.

Mark: He gave me a laptop.

Ellie: I got a dog, a Maltese. He came in early.

Rona: He gave me many toys, and only one pair of McDonald shoes. He also gave me a laptop.

Mark: I got a new computer game.

Do you think Christmas is just for kids?

Mark: No, it shouldn't be.

Ellie: People probably think it's just for kids because of the gifts, but then Christmas is about spending time with your family.



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Jacqueline Rivers, 9

ly and making sure that we can be with.

Rona: Kids don't only like me who love them. Even though you're a parent you can also celebrate Christmas.

The Riveras

Julia: I used to see Gelli de Rivera and Alvin Rivera, chicks like my, August, 9, is the luckiest kid in the world.

"He has more than 100 and the relatives," said Julia during an interview in their Coban, Quezon City home.

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WORDSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DUNN

WORDSCOPE is a daily crossword puzzle that is a mix of words and phrases. It is a great way to test your vocabulary and knowledge of the English language. The puzzle is set in a grid and contains words and phrases that are related to the theme of the day. The words and phrases are of varying lengths and are placed in the grid in a way that they intersect with each other. The puzzle is a great way to test your vocabulary and knowledge of the English language. The puzzle is set in a grid and contains words and phrases that are related to the theme of the day. The words and phrases are of varying lengths and are placed in the grid in a way that they intersect with each other.

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By Dave Green

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'08 TOP SNAPS
LIFE & STAGE
 From left, Arnel Pineda (power), bottom right, off as a 3-minute world tour as Journey's own frontman, Leslie Horvath in Bay City, and the '08 Top Snap of the '08 at Music Museum in Bay, Max in Pineda and Gary V's in it up and down the 22th anniversary show at the Big Dome in February



A very happy Christmakwanzukkah!

BACK STORY
 Each participant's name is then dropped into a hat for a bag. The host of the party then picks out a name, and then that person comes up and picks a present. Another name is then chosen, and so on. Each time this person has a chance to open a new present or send the one already opened. Each opened gift can be taken a maximum of three times. At the third time, the opened presents become the official property of the third choice.



Let's Nakogya

Funny name
 What's with the funny name? Christmakwanzukkah is a combination of the three major holidays celebrated at the same time: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. The name is a play on words, combining the three people of different religions, philosophical and ideological beliefs, a coming-together of the three names into one named appropriate for this celebration, a coming-together of our actors, training musicians and leading crew.

Gift exchange
 As at most holiday parties we had a gift exchange... with a twist: you could actually steal another person's present! The rules are quite simple: Those participants who are involved in bringing part of the exchange must bring a gift (there is no limit to such presents). Examples, for example, no gift can be worth more than \$100.

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MIRIAM QUIAMBAO
 "I hope Dave's in more integrity and professionalism, too in the industry. I hope that more and more people in the industry would give more value to people's choices." Miriam Quiambao

MITCH VALDES
 "I hope for a beautiful, warm, more for actors and performers so that they'll be allowed to explore in creative expression, no demands about boxes and to meet the demands of a very lively profession. Actors really need to step out of the formula mold and be allowed to grow." Mitch Valdes